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SUBJECT: ENERGY: ROSS DAM

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1. IN RESPONSE TO ALLEGED STATEMENTS BY SEATTLE CITY LIGHT
SUPERINTENDENT TO SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL THAT B.C. HAS PROPOSED
SPEEDING UP DAM CONSTRUCTION IN B.C. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO RAISING
ROSS DAM, ENVIRONMENT MINISTER NIELSEN ON JULY 22 TOLD PRESS
"THERE WOULD BE NO NEW DAMS BUILT, NO FLOODING IN B.C. AND NO
SPEEDING UP OF CONSTRUCTION." HE REPORTEDLY CONFIRMED, HOWEVER,
THAT THE B.C. PACKAGE OFFERED TO SEATTLE DOES INCLUDE A PROPOSAL
TO SUPPLY ENERGY BY INCREASING GENERATING CAPACITY AT EXISTING
DAMS AND BY RAISING SEVEN-MILE DAM.

2. NIELSEN DECLINED TO DISCLOSE PRECISE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL
AND TOLD PRESS HE WAS ASTONISHED THAT SEATTLE CITY LIGHT HAD
MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THE ISSUE BECAUSE IT HAD AGREED WITH
B.C. THAT THE BEST APPROACH WAS TO GET THE NEGOTIATING OUT OF
THE WAY BEFORE GOING PUBLIC. PREMATURE PUBLICATION OF THE B.C.
PROPOSAL, HE SAID, "WOULD ALLOW CERTAIN PEOPLE TO PICK THE
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PROPOSAL APART BEFORE WE GOT ANYWHERE, AND THAT WOULD BE
DETRIMENTAL."
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